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SUBJECT: SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. WORKING GROUP ON SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FONOFF DIRGEN FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LARROQUE; AND ROWELL, SMALL, CLEMENT, RYLANC ON US SIDE) AGREED OCTOBER 16 ON TEXT OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT. LARROQUE ALSO TABLED DRAFT OF SEPARATE PROTOCOL SETTING OUT SPECIFICS OF MISSION AND STAFFING OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS. DRAFT APPEARS ACCEPTABLE IN GENERAL.

2. LARROQUE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED WITH "LOW" LEVEL OF OUR OFFER OF \$25 MILLION GRANT FOR NON-MILITARY ASSISTANCE (NMA) PLUS THE REMAINING THREE MILLION FROM THE 1970 AGREEMENT. POINTED OUT THAT ONE SOLID NEW SCIENTIFIC PROJECT INVOLVING A SODIUM LOOP FOR RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR APPLIED ENGINEERING WILL COST \$10 MILLION ALONE. SAID IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MORE BE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS SUCH AS THIS AND SOLAR ENERGY. HE WILL PURSUE THIS IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 20-24. LARROQUE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT CORTINA SEES THE NMA AS NECESSARY TO BALANCE MILITARY QUID BY ADDING AN ELEMENT OF GENERALLY BROADER POLITICAL APPEAL.

3. US GROUP ENCOURAGED LARROQUE TO BE AS SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE AS POSSIBLE WHEN DISCUSSING SPECIAL PROJECTS
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IN WASHINGTON SICHE WELL DEVELOPED PROJECTS ARE THE BEST

BASIS FOR JUSTIFYING ANY US INPUT BEYOND THE \$25 MILLION OFFERED. LARROQUE SAID PROJECTS WILL HAVE ESCALATING REQUIREMENTS OVER NEXT FEW YEARS AND IN THE FIRST, (START-UP) YEAR OR TWO SOLAR ENERGY PROBABLY CAN ABSORB VERY LITTLE. US TEAM SAID SOME ARRANGEMENT PROBABLY COULD BE WORKED OUT TO MEET THIS PROBLEM, NOTING THAT THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE US CONTRIBUTION TO NMA WOULD NAME A TOTAL FIGURE AND WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SPECIFY HOW THE TOTAL WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED OVER THE FIVE-YEAR LIFE OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

4. SAME US GROUP MET OCTOBER 16 WITH FONOFF DIRGEN OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS MESSIA AND HIS DEPUTY ORTIZ ARMENGOL RE US DRAFT OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION. MESSIA PROMISED TO GIVE TEXT OF "THEIR OWN" DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL LATE NEXT WEEK TO US EMBASSY MADRID (RYLANCE) FOR TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON.

5. WORK ON SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION MUST WAIT UNTIL FONOFF DIRGEN OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BASSOLS RETURNS TO MADRID THIS WEEKEND. EMBASSY WILL HANDLE THIS AGREEMENT STARTING OCTOBER 20 WITH ASSISTANCE FROM DURKEE (OIC SPANISH AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON).
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